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SUBJECT Screening

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1. As you know, an outstanding requirement, as yet unmet, is to determine how to screen for individuals that have a natural talent for RV functioning. Attempts to date by both us and the client community are marginal, in large part because of the smallness of the samples of viewers dealt with so far.

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3. As a kickoff for that task, we propose to take advantage of a target-of-opportunity. A colleague of ours has arranged to carry out a mass RV test through OMNI Magazine; a previous ESP test of the number-guessing type through the same medium brought in 18,000 samples. Learning of this, we arranged that the psychological questionnaire accompanying the test be designed by our contact, and also arranged that we shall have access to all the raw data, psychological and RV data. If you approve a screening task for FY '83, we will as one of our first steps arrange to cross-correlate the data from this study.
4. The cross-correlation discussed above constitutes only a first step in developing an overall screening instrument, because by the nature of the study it depends on self-reporting by the viewers, a known weakness in psychological profiling which can be improved by behavior-measuring interview techniques in which the interviewer carries out certain timing tests, etc. Therefore, based on the data generated by the mass screening study involving self-report, a series of hypotheses would be developed which would be further refined by developing the interview techniques. - - these of course would be applicable in the type of screening anticipated in selecting recruits for your program in the future.
5. The proposed one-two process appears to us and the consultant psychologist to provide an extraordinary opportunity to develop an appropriate screening instrument most efficiently, and therefore we anticipate that a useful product could be generated during the FY '83 task.

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